



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2020

The Council meeting was open to the public. The City of Parker provided disposable face masks and hand sanitizer. Citizens were told, if they felt uncomfortable attending the meeting in person, they should send public comments to the City Secretary at PGrey@parkertexas.us prior to 3:00 PM the day of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

The Parker City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at Parker City Hall, 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas, 75002.

Mayor Lee Pettle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers Diana M. Abraham, Cindy Meyer, Edwin Smith, Ed Standridge and Patrick Taylor were present.

Staff Present: City Administrator Luke Olson, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary Patti Scott Grey, Finance/H.R. Manager Grant Savage, City Attorney Brandon Shelby, Public Works Director Gary Machado, Fire Chief Mike Sheff (departed 7:54 p.m.), and Police Chief Richard Brooks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Le Ann Turrentine led the pledge.

TEXAS PLEDGE: Scott Livesay led the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS The City Council invites any person with business before the Council to speak. No formal action may be taken on these items at this meeting. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

Elvis Nelson, 5802 Corinth Chapel Road, said once the City loses the Bond "Proposition A" Election for the new municipal facility, the City should immediately establish a committee to prepare and design a facility. The current new municipal facility has had no real resident input or participation. Mr. Nelson indicated he personally believes flexible walls are better than fixed, permanent walls.

Mayor Pro Tem Standridge, 3607 Hogge Drive, commented Facebook can be a valuable tool but it also can be easy to hide behind. Mr. Standridge said he took offense to the criticism of City Council being depicted as incapable of leading such projects as a proposed municipal complex. He is proud of our Parker team and City Council. Council consists of volunteers who are residents of our City and who freely give their time to serve and receive no compensation for their service. The information on our proposed building is not accurate on Facebook. The City requested citizens to help and submit input with the development and design of the proposed municipal buildings. Help/Volunteers did not always consistently participate. Some residents said they would be involved but failed to appear. Changes are still being made.

Regarding the bond debt, the City is not overburdened. In fact, Director of Finance Grant Savage has remarked the City, if this bond passes, will have three (3) bonds: 1) one (1) bond just under \$2 million that is expected to be paid off in November of

2020; 2) one (1) bond for \$6.2 million for the pump station taken out in 2018; and 3) this bond the city is currently asking residents vote “YES” to approve in the amount of \$9.5 million all of which may or may not be taken and used. Again, this bond will not overburden the City of Parker and will not cause an increase to our tax rate. Please try to be positive, especially in your criticism and suggest possible solutions or alternatives.

Elvis Nelson, 5802 Corinth Chapel Road, asked to respond. Mr. Nelson said he disagrees with Mayor Pro Tem Standridge’s views and believes some information being provided is not true or is misleading. He does not believe the proposed building incorporates or represents ideas and thoughts from citizen input.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES FROM NOW – NOVEMBER 1, 2020.
- PARKS AND RECREATION (P&R) COMMISSION – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020, 6:00 PM – **VIRTUAL**
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, AT PARKER CITY HALL, 5700 E. PARKER ROAD, PARKER, TEXAS
- NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, IN FRONT OF POLICE STATION
- 2020 NOV. EARLY VOTING PERIOD AND ELECTION DAY (NOV. 3) INFORMATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 11 No Voting	October 12 No Voting	October 13 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 14 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 15 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 16 Early Voting 8am–5pm	October 17 Early Voting 7am–7pm
October 18 Early Voting 1pm–6pm	October 19 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 20 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 21 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 22 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 23 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 24 Early Voting 7am–7pm
October 25 Early Voting 1pm–6pm	October 26 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 27 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 28 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 29 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 30 Early Voting 7am–7pm	October 31
November 1	November 2	November 3 Election Day 7am–7pm				

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-644, ALLOWING PARKS AND RECREATION (P&R) COMMISSION TO HOST A HOLIDAY EVENT. [PETTLE]

P&R Commissioners Le Ann Turrentine and Michael Slaughter presented the “HOLIDAZE” event details and discussed donations.

Councilmember Taylor voiced concerns, regarding the use of City Staff, where the lights for the events would be stored, and whether the City had the proper insurance coverage.

P&R Commissioner Slaughter said City Staff use would be limited.

Councilmember Smith inquired about vendors for the event. P&R Commissioners Turrentine and Slaughter noted the information in the packet that stated there would be a "Hot Chocolate/Coffee Food Truck" with baked goods.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-644, allowing Parks and Recreation (P&R) Commission to host a holiday event, paid for with donations. Councilmember Taylor seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Pettle asked that the event be coordinated with the Parker Police Department.

2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-645 AWARDING THE 2020 ANNUAL MOWING CONTRACT. [MACHADO/OLSON]

Public Works Director Machado reviewed the item, stating the 2020 Annual Mowing Contract was advertised in the Dallas Morning News on Saturday, September 19, 2020 and Saturday, September 26, 2020. The bids were opened, reviewed, evaluated earlier today at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2020. After bids were reviewed and the references were checked, American Landscape Systems of Lewisville, Texas was deemed the best bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$69,050.00. City Staff is requesting City Council accept the bid from American Systems.

City Council inquired about the contract, because the bids were evaluated and completed earlier today. City Attorney Shelby said now that the information is available, he could have a contract by the end of the week.

There was no motion, second, or vote.

This item, with a completed contract, will be placed on the next available City Council agenda.

Mowing will continue under the current contractor until the new contract is in place.

3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ACCEPTING A \$586 DONATION FROM THE DUBLIN CREEK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION (HOA). [PETTLE]

MOTION: Councilmember Taylor moved to accept a donation from the Dublin Creek Homeowners Association (HOA) in the amount of \$586 to provide lunch at Napoli's for all City Staff, including Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments. The HOA also provided Tiff's Treats for all employees. Councilmember Abraham seconded with Councilmembers Abraham, Meyer, Smith, Standridge, and Taylor voting for the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

It was noted this is just a small "Thank You!" to City Staff, especially for those coming into work during the pandemic.

Mayor Pettle on of behalf herself, Council, and City Staff, thanked Dublin Creek Homeowners Association (HOA) for their generous donations.

ROUTINE ITEMS

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

UPDATE(S):

- **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE [SMITH/OLSON]**

Councilmember Smith said the Comprehensive Plan Committee has met on two occasions already. The initial meeting was held Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM and the second meeting was Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Due to November 3, 2020 Early and Election Day voting the committee has opted not to have an October meeting, so the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

The Committee is prioritizing the tasks necessary to move forward with the Comprehensive Plan.

As noted in the September 14, 2020 Comprehensive Plan Committee minutes, the Committee's members are as follows:

- Jim Douglas, Chair
- Joe Cordina, Vice Chair
- Terry Lynch, Secretary
- Michael D. Booth
- Rick Debus
- Tricia Fecht
- Frank Merlino
- Michael Slaughter

Halisi Cail and Britt McCormick previously reported as members resigned from the Committee.

The following people assist the Committee:

- Edwin Smith, Council Liaison
- Luke Olson, City Administrator
- Patti Scott Grey, Asst. City Administrator/City Secretary

Mr. Smith noted these independent thinkers have engaged in lively discussions. The meeting dates/times are posted and interested parties are welcome to attend.

- **DRAINAGE [MEYER]**

Councilmember Meyer said work is continuing in the three (3) identified most affected areas, which are: Poco Estados, Moss Ridge and Cottonwood. The Committee estimates drainage from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) is causing sixty percent (60%) of the drainage issues in Poco Estados and needs a solution. Ms. Meyer said she will be arranging a meeting with Fort Paintball Owner Giovanni DEgidio, Susie Bass, and Frontier to hopefully resolve issues. In Moss Ridge, a survey and plat map were sent to all residents to help identify and discuss any drainage issues. She said she has

received 23 responses and is in the process of analyzing those responses. One (1) possible cause has been identified. Residents feel, when McCreary Road was widened, the construction done during the widening affected the drainage. The Committee hopes to bring City Council a plan or recommendations to resolve some of those issues. Moss Ridge residents are also concerned construction of Kingsbridge will detrimentally impact them as well. In Cottonwood, the Committee is working with the Whitestone Estates Developer to install proper drainage and culverts in hopes of alleviating future drainage issues. Finally, Councilmember Meyer noted the entire City has not been checked for drainage issues, the Committee started with those three (3) subdivisions.

- **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS [ABRAHAM]**

Councilmember Abraham said the outdoor siren alerts have been postponed for now due to the expense. Nonetheless, the City is funding, through COVID-19 funding or CARES Act funding Everbridge, a notification system, which will be offered free of charge to Parker residents who sign up for the service. Residents that opt in for the service will receive notices such as water boil, street blockages, emergency situations, police/fire information, etc. The City will try the system for one (1) year to see how it works. If it is not successful it will be ended. If the Everbridge system seems to be a useful tool for Parker residents the City will investigate additional funding.

- **PUMP STATION [MACHADO/OLSON]**

Public Works Director Machado said the new pump station is under construction and should be completed in 355 days per the contract. The only foreseeable delay could be necessary parts. Currently, some parts are on back order. Evidently, Mr. Machado hopes there will be a building built on the premises for water department employees of the Public Works Department for security purposes and equipment storage. The rest of the Public Works Department employees, including Code Enforcement, Building Inspectors, Building Permits, Stormwater and the Public Works Director, will continue to be housed at City Hall.

- **PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT [BROOKS]**

Parker Police Chief Brooks reviewed the 2019 Parker Police Department Annual Report. Chief Brooks said the data is from their records management system, which will provide more accurate information and reporting.

Mayor Pettie asked if there were any items to be added to the future agenda, noting the 2020 Annual Mowing Contract item on tonight's agenda.

Hearing no additional requests, Mayor Pettie encouraged everyone to email her any additional requests and noted, due to the November 3, 2020, Early and Election Day voting, the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, November 17, 2020. The Mayor did note we may need a Special Council meeting for Canvassing the November 3, 2020 Election on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, as the period for official canvassing is November 6-17,

2020. She asked everyone to check the City's website, due to possible changes related to election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

- 5.– 8. Mayor Pettie asked City Council if anyone needed to recess into executive session at this time. Hearing no requests, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.



APPROVED:


Mayor Lee Pettie

ATTESTED:


Patti Scott Grey, City Secretary

Approved on the 17th day
of November, 2020.